

REMARKS

Claims 22-28 and 54-65 are rejected. Claims 14, 16, 18-20, 29-35 and 49 are allowed. Claims 14, 16, 18-20, 22-35 and 49 are presently pending in the application. Claims 54-65 are cancelled. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The basis for the amendment of claims 22-24, 26, and 27 is found in those same claims as originally filed.

Allowed Claims:

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 14, 16, 18-20, 29-35 and 49 are allowed. Applicant has cancelled all other claims not depending therefrom.

Rejection Of Claims 22-28 and 54-65 Under 35 U.S.C. §112:

The Examiner has rejected Claims 22-28 and 54-65 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention as follows:

The recited "said article" in claims 22-24, 54 and 55 lack antecedent basis. Claims 22-24 have been amended accordingly. Claims 54 and 55 have been canceled.

The recited "the Young's modulus" in claims 26, 27, 56 and 57 lack antecedent basis. Claims 26 and 27 have been amended accordingly. Claims 56 and 57 have been cancelled.

Claim 23 is confusing and indefinite since polyolefins are taught as compatibilizers as well as a matrix resin when combined with claims 14 and 22. The specification, pg. 18, lines 19-22, indicates that, in addition to matrix polymers as specified in the claims, a compatibilizing polymer may be added to improve the quality of the extruded base, as determined by the presence of materials in the base. (*"In order to ensure homogenous distribution of the various phases in the article of the invention, use of suitable compatibilizers may be made. These compatibilizers achieve compatibility between the inorganic phase and the polymeric phase as well as between two or more dissimilar polymeric phases."*) Especially of interest is polymer-polymer compatibility, that is, the compatibility of the polyether block polyamide copolymer and any matrix polymer. The compatibilizers control phase separation and polymer domain size so as to provide desirable optical properties, roughness. Therefore, polyolefins

may be used to enhance the compatibility of polyester and the block polyamide copolymer, or other polyolefins, added in small amounts, may enhance the compatibility of the matrix polyolefin with the copolymer – the polyolefin compatibilizer is not required to be the same as the matrix polyolefin. Preferred compatibilizers are indicated in the specification, pg. 19, lines 5-27. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand from the specification how to use polyolefin compatibilizers in a polyolefin or polyester matrix.

Rejection Of Claims 54-65 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e):

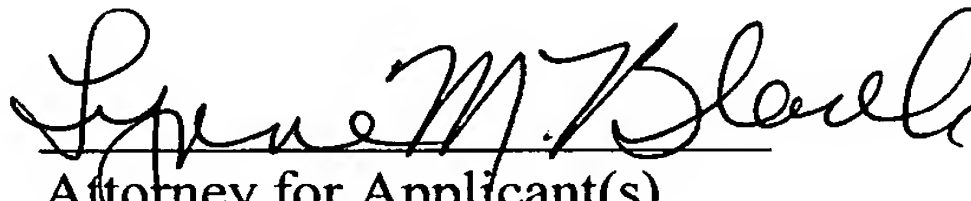
The Examiner has rejected Claims 54-65 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Acquarulo et al (US 6,833,392). Claims 54-65 have been canceled.

Rejection Of Claims 54-65 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a):

The Examiner has rejected Claims 54-65 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher (US 6,579,927) in view of Acquarulo et al (US 6,833,392). Claims 54-65 have been amended.

It is believed that the foregoing is a complete response to the Office Action and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue is therefore earnestly solicited.

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